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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DOS REVIEW OF POST-VETTED UNIT OF EC ARMY

1. This is an action message - please see paragraph 4.

2. The Embassy has developed plans to train members of Ecuador's 19th Jungle Brigade (HQ in Coca), 25th Special Forces Group (Esmeraldas), 11th Marine Infantry Battalion (San Lorenzo), and 13th Infantry Brigade (Machachi). Bio information for unit commanders follows:

-- GONZALEZ Rossero, COL Patricio. 19th JB. DPOB: 21 June 1959, Quito.

-- NARVAEZ Gomezcoello, LTC Freddy Oswaldo. 25th SF. 22 May 1961, Quito.

-- GAVILANES Barcallo, CMDR Ramon. 11th MIB. 17 Oct 1962, Cuenca.

-- GAIBOR Escobar, COL Marcelo Gilberto. 13th IB. 27 May 1956, Puyo.

3. The Embassy has conducted record checks in accordance with established internal standard operating procedures and possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights committed by the above-named trainees as of this date.

4. The Embassy requests Departmental review of its vetting results so that the planned training mission can go forward. A response by April 15 would be much appreciated.  
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